



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/687,092
Applicant : Mariastella Scandola, et al. Confirmation No.: 9101
Filed : October 17, 2003
Title : CHEMICAL MODIFICATION OF THE SURFACE OF NATURAL FIBERS
TC/A.U. : 1711
Examiner : Olga Asinovsky
Docket No. : 38264US1

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT "A"

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office action mailed January 11, 2005. The period for reply was set to expire April 11, 2005. Accordingly, applicants hereby petition for and request a three (3) month extension of time to respond, up to and including July 11, 2005.

Enclosed is a check to cover the \$510 extension-of-time fee.

By this Amendment there are now 16 total claims pending in the application.

Accordingly, no extra-claim fee is due.

Please amend the application in the following manner.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited as first class mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date indicated below.

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July 11, 2005
Date

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